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MAC NOTES

Deadline is Oct. 15 for Artist's Innovation Awards

Applications from literary artists, performing artists and visual artists are now being accepted for the Montana Arts Council's Artist's Innovation Awards. The application is online and the deadline is Oct. 15.



Up to 11 awards of \$3,000 each will be distributed for this cycle in the literary arts, performing arts and visual arts combined. Go to www.art.mt.gov.

Program description

In order to foster environments where the innovation and creativity of artists are valued and celebrated, this program rewards Montana artists who have demonstrated:

- Innovation in their work and artwork;
- Originality and dedication in their creative pursuits; and
- A capacity for self-direction.

How we define innovation

Innovation is the act of introducing something new or different to further an artist's vision and practice. This can mean new methods, applications, perspectives, elements, forms, materials, technology integration, project concepts and/or processes that result from study, experimentation or experiences.

Your innovation can be from any era of your artistic career, and can be a personal evolution, an evolution for the field, or both. Innovation is applicable to traditional and contemporary art.

MAP gets mega-award

The Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation's Marketplace Empowerment for Artists Program awarded the Montana Artrepreneur Program \$100,000 over two years (see Arni's Addendum on page 2).

Framework for Operations

Every five years the Montana Arts Council undergoes a rigorous planning effort to establish a plan for its operations. After receiving input from dozens of organizations and hundreds of individuals, we have designed our 2014-2018 Framework for Operations. Now we're looking for your response by Sept. 30. Read the plan on pages 6-8 and respond to a_fishbaugh@mt.gov.

Governor appoints Andrus and Cordingley as MAC chair and vice chair

Governor Steve Bullock has appointed Cyndy Andrus as the chairman of the Montana Arts Council, replacing retiring chairman Jackie Parsons, of Browning. Tom Cordingley of Helena will serve as vice chairman.

Andrus took up the gavel at the June meeting of the arts council in Livingston, advising new members to work for the greater good of moving all the arts forward and expressing pride in the cutting-edge, nationally respected work of the council.

Andrus was originally appointed to the Montana Arts Council in 2005 by Governor Judy Martz. She served as vice chairman beginning in 2007, under Gov. Brian Schweitzer, until her appointment as chairman this summer. She is also the chairman of the Montana Tourism Advisory Council, serves on the Montana Heritage Commission and is a member of the Montana Ambassadors.

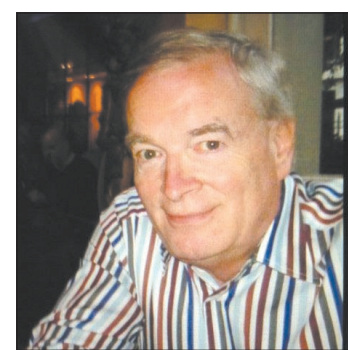
Andrus, who lives in Bozeman, is a tourism consultant working with rural Montana communities to implement and promote the Montana tourism brand and to assist communities in developing their tourism product.

She is the former director of the Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), where she was the administrator of the Bozeman accommodation tax and worked with Travel Montana and other CVBs and tourism regions to promote Bozeman as a destination for tourism, film, meetings and conventions. She has worked in the tourism industry for over 25 years.

Andrus is an active member of her community, currently serving her second term as a Bozeman City



Cyndy Andrus



Tom Cordingley

Commissioner. She is also a member of the Region 3 Fish Wildlife and Parks Citizen Advisory Council. She co-founded the Bozeman Community Cultural Council, is past president of Yellowstone Country Tourism region, served on the PPL Montana Community Fund Board and is a graduate of the 2007 class of Leadership Montana.

In addition to her career and board work, Andrus has a part-time business with her siblings operating a beer garden at the Minnesota State Fair. She is married to Brady Wiseman, former Montana state legislator, and together they enjoy many of Montana's outdoor activities and cultural events.

"We are so delighted at Cyndy's appointment," said Arni Fishbaugh, director of the Montana Arts Council. "She brings such a wealth of diversity of experiences to our council. Her leadership roles in other state councils

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Tami Haaland named Poet Laureate

Billings poet Tami Haaland was recently selected by Gov. Steve Bullock to serve as Montana's Poet Laureate. She follows Sheryl Noethe to this two-year appointment.

"Tami will be a great advocate and representative for all of Montana's creative community," says Gov. Bullock. "She's a Montana born-and-raised published poet, and I look forward to expanding on some of her community services, like increasing youth participation in literary writing, and her work teaching creative writing at the Montana Women's Prison."

Haaland was nominated for the post by the state's first poet laureate, Sandra Alcosser, who wrote, "with heart and mind, she serves the world of poetry and its followers well."



Tami Haaland

"When I served Montana as its first poet laureate, it was Tami who was there to help me with readings and workshops in Helena, Billings and Missoula, and there to discuss the important and moving work that had to be done for the citizens of the state."

Haaland is the author of two books of poetry: *Breath in Every Room*, winner of the Nicholas Roerich Prize from Story Line Press, and *When We Wake in the Night*, a finalist for the May Swenson Award. She's a graduate of the Bennington Writing Seminars and a professor of English at Montana State University Billings.

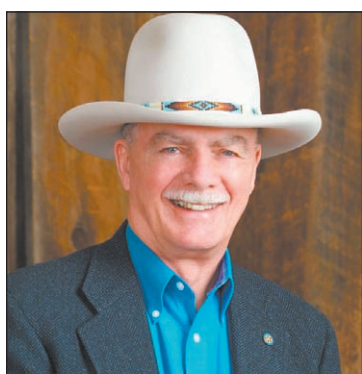
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Stan Lynde: A great contributor to Montana

One of Montana's "favorite sons," a former member of the Montana Arts Council and a recipient of Montana Governor's Arts Award, Myron Stanford "Stan" Lynde, died of cancer Aug. 6 in Helena. He was 81.

"He was just a real gentleman," Helena artist Robert F. "Bob" Morgan told the *Helena Independent Record*. "He was a great contributor to Montana, no doubt about it. He did so many things for so many people."

Lynde was born in Billings on Sept. 23, 1931, and grew up among cowboys, sheep men and Crow Indian tribal members, all of whom contributed to his love of the American West.



Stan Lynde

Most of his childhood was spent in ranch country around Lodge Grass on the Crow Indian Reservation. He began drawing cartoons in high school and attended The University of Montana, but left school to join the Navy during the Korean conflict. During his four years in the service, he created a comic strip called "Ty Foon" for the Navy paper.

In the 1950s Lynde moved to New York, where tried to make a living as a cartoonist. Out of his ranch background and his affinity for western humor, he developed his cartoon strip "Rick O'Shay," which was accepted by the *Chicago Tribune* and began running in 1958.

It did not take long for the strip and its characters to build a strong following. By 1962, "Rick O'Shay" was well established, and Lynde moved home to Montana, where he bought a 160-acre ranch near his family ranch, along with a herd of cattle that carried his RIK brand. Family, friends and fans welcomed his return home, and many events carried a "Rick O'Shay" theme, including parades, costume contests and other attractions.

"Rick O'Shay" ran for 20 years with an average daily readership of about 15 million people. In 1979, Lynde launched another strip, "Latigo," which ran through 1983.

When he retired from cartooning, he began writing western novels, most notably the eight Merlin Fanshaw books and one historical novel, *Vigilante Moon*.

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